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State of California)
Wildlife Conservation Board)
1807 13th Street, Suite 103)
Sacramento, CA 95814)
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CONSERVATION EASEMENT DEED

THIS CONSERVATION EASEMENT DEED is made this _____ day of _____, 20____, by _____ ("Grantor"), in favor of THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ("Grantee"), acting by and through its Department of Fish and Game, a subdivision of the California Resources Agency, with reference to the following facts:

RECITALS

A. Grantor is the sole owner in fee simple of certain real property containing approximately _____ acres, located in the County of _____, State of California, designated Assessor's Parcel Number _____ and more particularly described in Exhibit "A" (legal parcel map and legal description of easement area) attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (the "Property");

B. The Property possesses wildlife and habitat values (collectively, "conservation values") of great importance to Grantee and the people of the State of California;

C. The Property provides high quality habitat for [*list plant and/or animal species*] and contains restored, created, enhanced and/or preserved jurisdictional waters of the U.S. including wetlands pursuant to the Mitigation Bank Enabling Instrument ("BEI") for _____ (mitigation bank name) a copy of which is on file at the San Francisco District Corps of Engineers, File Number ____ [*list habitats; native and/or non-native*];

D. The Department of Fish and Game has jurisdiction, pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 1802, over the conservation, protection, and management of fish, wildlife, native plants and the habitat necessary for biologically sustainable populations of those species, and the Department of Fish and Game is authorized to hold easements for these purposes pursuant to Civil Code Section 815.3, Fish and Game Code Section 1348, and other provisions of California law. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service ("Service") within the United States Department of the Interior is authorized by Federal law to be third party beneficiary and to administer the Federal Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq. ("ESA"), the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 661-666c, and the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, 16 U.S.C. § 742(f) et seq. Together, the Grantee, the San Francisco

District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (“USACE”), Region 9 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“USEPA”) and the Service are referred to herein as “BEI Signatory Agencies”;

E. This Conservation Easement protects and preserves offsite mitigation for impacts of approved projects affecting wetlands and associated habitats and species located [on the Santa Rosa Plain or other general service area description], County of [Sonoma or other counties], State of California, pursuant to the [name] [Mitigation Bank Enabling Instrument or Conservation Bank] No. 1802-xxxx-xxx-xx by and between [Applicant names] and the Department of Fish and Game, dated _____, and the Bank Development Plan and Management Plan created thereunder.

COVENANTS, TERMS, CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and pursuant to California law, including Civil Code Section 815, *et seq.*, Grantor hereby voluntarily grants and conveys to Grantee a conservation easement in perpetuity over the Property.

1. **Purposes.** The purposes of this Conservation Easement are to ensure the Property will be retained forever in its natural, restored, or enhanced condition and to prevent any use of the Property that will impair or interfere with the conservation values of the Property. Grantor intends that this Conservation Easement will confine the use of the Property to such activities that are consistent with those purposes, including, without limitation, those involving the preservation, restoration and enhancement of native species and their habitats implemented consistently with the Bank Development Plan and the Management Plan for the [name] Mitigation Bank.

A final, approved copy of the Management Plan, and any amendments thereto approved by the BEI Signatory Agencies, shall be kept on file at the respective offices of the BEI Signatory Agencies. If the Grantor, or any successors or assigns, require an official copy of the Management Plan for this Bank, they should request a copy of the current, amended Management Plan from one of the BEI Signatory Agencies at the addresses listed in Paragraph 12.

The Management Plan and any future amendments thereto are hereby incorporated by reference into this document and by this reference shall have the same effect as if fully set forth herein.

2. **Grantee's Rights.** To accomplish the purposes of this Conservation Easement, Grantor hereby grants and conveys the following rights to Grantee:

- (a) To preserve and protect the conservation values of the Property;

(b) To enter upon the Property at reasonable times in order to monitor compliance with and otherwise enforce the terms of this Conservation Easement, Bank Development Plan and Management Plan, to implement Bank Development Plan and Management Plan actions if necessary, and for scientific research and interpretive purposes by Grantee or its designees, provided that Grantee shall not unreasonably interfere with Grantor's authorized use and quiet enjoyment of the Property;

(c) To prevent any activity on or use of the Property that is inconsistent with the purposes of this Conservation Easement and to require the restoration of such areas or features of the Property that may be damaged by any act, failure to act, or any use that is inconsistent with the purposes of this Conservation Easement;

(d) All mineral, air and water rights necessary to protect and to sustain the biological resources of the Property. This Conservation Easement includes Grantor's right, title and interest in and to any waters consisting of: (a) any riparian water rights appurtenant to the Property; (b) any appropriative water rights held by Grantor to the extent those rights are appurtenant to the Property; (c) any waters, the rights to which are secured under contract between the Grantor and any irrigation or water district, to the extent such waters are customarily applied to the Property; and (d) any water from wells that are in existence or may be constructed in the future on the Property; and

(e) All present and future development rights allocated, implied, reserved or inherent in the Property; such rights are hereby terminated and extinguished, and may not be used on or transferred to any portion of the Property, nor any other property adjacent or otherwise.

3. **Prohibited Uses.** Any activity on or use of the Property inconsistent with the purposes of this Conservation Easement, the Bank Development Plan or the Management Plan is prohibited. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following uses and activities by Grantor, Grantor's agents, and third parties, are expressly prohibited:

(a) Unseasonal watering; use of fertilizers, pesticides, biocides, herbicides or other agricultural chemicals; weed abatement activities; incompatible fire protection activities; and any and all other activities and uses which may adversely affect the purposes of this Conservation Easement, except as specifically provided in the BEI Signatory Agencies-approved Bank Development Plan or Management Plan for the Property which can be located at the BEI Signatory Agencies' addresses specified in Paragraph 12;

(b) Use of off-road vehicles and use of any other motorized vehicles except on existing roadways, except as specifically provided in the BEI Signatory Agencies-approved Bank Development Plan or Management Plan for the Property which can be located at the BEI Signatory Agencies' addresses specified in Paragraph 12;

(c) Agricultural activity of any kind, except grazing for vegetation management as specifically provided in the BEI Signatory Agencies-approved Bank Development Plan or Management Plan for the Property which can be located at the BEI Signatory Agencies' addresses specified in Paragraph 12;

(d) Recreational activities including, but not limited to, horseback riding, biking, hunting or fishing, except as may be specifically permitted under this Conservation Easement, or as specifically provided in the BEI Signatory Agencies-approved Bank Development Plan or Management Plan for the Property which can be located at the BEI Signatory Agencies' addresses specified in Paragraph 12;

(e) Commercial or industrial uses;

(f) Any legal or de facto division, subdivision or partitioning of the Property;

(g) Construction, reconstruction, erecting or placement of any building, billboard or sign, or any other structure or improvement of any kind, except as specifically provided in the BEI Signatory Agencies-approved Bank Development Plan or Management Plan for the Property which can be located at the BEI Signatory Agencies' addresses specified in Paragraph 12;

(h) Depositing or allowing the accumulation of soil, trash, ashes, refuse, waste, bio-solids or any other materials;

(i) Planting, introducing or dispersing non-native or exotic plant or animal species;

(j) Filling, dumping, excavating, draining, dredging, mining, drilling, removing or exploring for or extraction of minerals, loam, soil, sands, gravel, rocks or other material on or below the surface of the Property;

(k) Altering the surface or general topography of the Property, including building of roads or trails, except as specifically provided in the BEI Signatory Agencies-approved Bank Development Plan or Management Plan for the Property which can be located at the BEI Signatory Agencies' addresses specified in Paragraph 12;

(l) Removing, destroying, or cutting of trees, shrubs or other vegetation, except as required by law for (1) fire breaks, (2) maintenance of existing foot trails or roads, (3) prevention or treatment of disease, or (4) except as specifically provided in the BEI Signatory Agencies-approved Bank Development Plan or Management Plan for the Property which can be located at the BEI Signatory Agencies' addresses specified in Paragraph 12; and

(m) Manipulating, impounding or altering any natural water course, body of water or water circulation on the Property, and activities or uses detrimental to water quality, including but not limited to degradation or pollution of any surface or sub-surface waters except as specifically provided in the BEI Signatory Agencies-approved Bank Development Plan or Management Plan for the Property which can be located at the BEI Signatory Agencies' addresses specified in Paragraph 12; and

(n) Engaging in any use or activity that may violate, or may fail to comply with, all federal, state, or local laws, regulations, and policies.

4. **Grantor's Duties.** Grantor shall undertake all reasonable actions to prevent the unlawful entry and trespass by persons whose activities may degrade or harm the conservation values of the Property. In addition, Grantor shall undertake all necessary actions to perfect Grantee's rights under Section 2 of this Conservation Easement, including but not limited to, Grantee's water rights.

5. **Reserved Rights.** Grantor reserves to itself, and to its personal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns, all rights accruing from its ownership of the Property, including the right to engage in or to permit or invite others to engage in all uses of the Property that are not expressly prohibited or limited by, and are consistent with the purposes of, this Conservation Easement.

6. **Grantee's Remedies.** If Grantee determines that a violation of the terms of this Conservation Easement has occurred or is threatened, Grantee shall give written notice to Grantor of such violation and demand in writing the cure of such violation. If Grantor fails to cure the violation within fifteen (15) days after receipt of written notice and demand from Grantee, or if the cure reasonably requires more than fifteen (15) days to complete and Grantor fails to begin the cure within the fifteen (15)-day period or fails to continue diligently to complete the cure, Grantee may bring an action at law or in equity in a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Conservation Easement, to recover any damages to which Grantee may be entitled for violation of the terms of this Conservation Easement or for any injury to the conservation values of the Property, to enjoin the violation, *ex parte* as necessary, by temporary or permanent injunction without the necessity of proving either actual damages or the inadequacy of otherwise available legal remedies, or for other equitable relief, including, but not limited to, the restoration of the Property to the condition in which it existed prior to any such violation or injury. Without limiting Grantor's liability therefore, Grantee may apply any damages recovered to the cost of undertaking any corrective action on the Property.

If Grantee, in its sole discretion, determines that circumstances require immediate action to prevent or mitigate damage to the conservation values of the Property, Grantee may pursue its remedies under this Section 6 without prior notice to Grantor or without waiting for the period provided for cure to expire. Grantee's rights under this section apply equally to actual or threatened violations of the terms of this Conservation Easement. Grantor agrees that Grantee's remedies at law for any violation of the terms of this Conservation Easement are inadequate and that Grantee shall be entitled to the injunctive relief described in this section, both prohibitive and mandatory, in addition to such other relief to which Grantee may be entitled, including specific performance of the terms of this Conservation Easement, without the necessity of proving either actual damages or the inadequacy of otherwise available legal remedies. Grantee's remedies described in this section shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to all remedies now or hereafter existing at law or in equity, including but not limited to, the remedies set forth in Civil Code Section 815, *et seq.*, inclusive. The failure of Grantee to discover a violation or to take immediate legal action shall not bar Grantee from taking such action at a later time.

If at any time in the future Grantor or any subsequent transferee uses or threatens to use the Property for purposes inconsistent with this Conservation Easement then, notwithstanding Civil Code Section 815.7, the California Attorney General or any entity or individual with a justiciable interest in the preservation of this Conservation Easement has standing as interested parties in any proceeding affecting this Conservation Easement.

6.1. **Costs of Enforcement.** Any costs incurred by Grantee, where Grantee is the prevailing party, in enforcing the terms of this Conservation Easement against Grantor, including, but not limited to, costs of suit and attorneys' and experts' fees, and any costs of restoration necessitated by Grantor's negligence or breach of this Conservation Easement shall be borne by Grantor.

6.2. **Grantee's Discretion.** Enforcement of the terms of this Conservation Easement by Grantee shall be at the discretion of Grantee, and any forbearance by Grantee to exercise its rights under this Conservation Easement in the event of any breach of any term of this Conservation Easement shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver by Grantee of such term or of any subsequent breach of the same or any other term of this Conservation Easement or of any of Grantee's rights under this Conservation Easement. No delay or omission by Grantee in the exercise of any right or remedy shall impair such right or remedy or be construed as a waiver.

6.3. **Acts Beyond Grantor's Control.** Nothing contained in this Conservation Easement shall be construed to entitle Grantee to bring any action against Grantor for any injury to or change in the Property resulting from (i) any natural cause beyond Grantor's control, including, without limitation, fire not caused by Grantor, flood, storm, and earth movement, or any prudent action taken by Grantor under emergency conditions to prevent, abate, or mitigate significant injury to the Property resulting from such causes; or (ii) acts by Grantee or its employees.

6.4. **Department of Fish and Game Right of Enforcement.** All rights and remedies conveyed to Grantee under this Conservation Easement Deed shall extend to and are enforceable by the Department of Fish and Game. These rights are in addition to, and do not limit, the rights of enforcement under *[insert title of permit/Agreement described in Recital E, above]*.

7. **Fence Installation and Maintenance.** Grantor shall install and maintain a fence reasonably satisfactory to Grantee around the Conservation Easement area to protect the conservation values of the Property, including but not limited to wildlife corridors.

8. **Access.** This Conservation Easement does not convey a general right of access to the public.

9. **Costs and Liabilities.** Grantor retains all responsibilities and shall bear all costs and liabilities of any kind related to the ownership, operation, upkeep, and maintenance of the Property. Grantor agrees that Grantee shall have no duty or responsibility for the operation, upkeep or maintenance of the Property, the monitoring of hazardous conditions

thereon, or the protection of Grantor, the public or any third parties from risks relating to conditions on the Property. Grantor remains solely responsible for obtaining any applicable governmental permits and approvals for any activity or use permitted by this Conservation Easement Deed, and any activity or use shall be undertaken in accordance with all applicable federal, state, local and administrative agency statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders and requirements.

9.1. **Taxes; No Liens.** Grantor shall pay before delinquency all taxes, assessments, fees, and charges of whatever description levied on or assessed against the Property by competent authority (collectively "taxes"), including any taxes imposed upon, or incurred as a result of, this Conservation Easement, and shall furnish Grantee with satisfactory evidence of payment upon request. Grantor shall keep the Property free from any liens, including those arising out of any obligations incurred by Grantor for any labor or materials furnished or alleged to have been furnished to or for Grantor at or for use on the Property.

9.2. **Hold Harmless.** Grantor shall hold harmless, protect and indemnify Grantee and its directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, and representatives and the heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns of each of them (each an "Indemnified Party" and, collectively, "Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all liabilities, penalties, costs, losses, damages, expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and experts' fees), causes of action, claims, demands, orders, liens or judgments (each a "Claim" and, collectively, "Claims"), arising from or in any way connected with: (1) injury to or the death of any person, or physical damage to any property, resulting from any act, omission, condition, or other matter related to or occurring on or about the Property, regardless of cause, unless due solely to the negligence of Grantee or any of its employees; (2) the obligations specified in Sections 4, 9, and 9.1; and (3) the existence or administration of this Conservation Easement. If any action or proceeding is brought against any of the Indemnified Parties by reason of any such Claim, Grantor shall, at the election of and upon written notice from Grantee, defend such action or proceeding by counsel reasonably acceptable to the Indemnified Party or reimburse Grantee for all charges incurred for services of the Attorney General in defending the action or proceeding.

9.3. **Extinguishment.** If circumstances arise in the future that render the purposes of this Conservation Easement impossible to accomplish, this Conservation Easement can only be terminated or extinguished, in whole or in part, by judicial proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction.

9.4. **Condemnation.** This Conservation Easement is a "wildlife conservation easement" acquired by a State agency, the condemnation of which is prohibited except as provided in Fish and Game Code Section 1348.3.

10. **Transfer of Easement.** This Conservation Easement is transferable by Grantee, but Grantee may assign this Conservation Easement only to an entity or

organization authorized to acquire and hold conservation easements pursuant to Civil Code Section 815.3 (or any successor provision then applicable) or the laws of the United States. Grantee shall require the assignee to record the assignment in the county where the Property is located.

11. **Transfer of Property.** Grantor agrees to incorporate the terms of this Conservation Easement by reference in any deed or other legal instrument by which Grantor divests itself of any interest in all or any portion of the Property, including, without limitation, a leasehold interest. Grantor agrees that the deed or other legal instrument shall also reference the Management Plan and any amendments thereto. Grantor further agrees to give written notice to Grantee of the intent to transfer any interest at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such transfer. Grantee shall have the right to prevent subsequent transfers in which prospective subsequent claimants or transferees are not given notice of the covenants, terms, conditions and restrictions of this Conservation Easement. The failure of Grantor or Grantee to perform any act provided in this section shall not impair the validity of this Conservation Easement or limit its enforceability in any way.

12. **Notices.** Any notice, demand, request, consent, approval, or communication that either party desires or is required to give to the other shall be in writing and be served personally or sent by recognized overnight courier that guarantees next-day delivery or by first class mail, postage fully prepaid, addressed as follows:

To Grantor:

To Grantee:

Department of Fish and Game
Region ____
[Region's address]
Attn: Regional Manager

With a copy to:

Department of Fish and Game
Office of the General Counsel
1416 Ninth Street, 12th Floor
Sacramento, California 95814-2090
Attn: General Counsel

To Service:

United States Fish and Wildlife Service
2800 Cottage Way, W-2605
Sacramento, California 95826-1846
Attn: Field Supervisor

To USACE: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
San Francisco District
Attn: Chief, Regulatory Branch, Rm. 813
333 Market Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

To USEPA: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9
Attn: Director, Water Division
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

or to such other address as either party shall designate by written notice to the other. Notice shall be deemed effective upon delivery in the case of personal delivery or delivery by overnight courier or, in the case of delivery by first class mail, five (5) days after deposit into the United States mail.

13. **Amendment.** This Conservation Easement may be amended by Grantor, Grantee and the Service only by mutual written agreement. Any such amendment shall be consistent with the purposes of this Conservation Easement and California law governing conservation easements and shall not affect its perpetual duration. Any such amendment shall be recorded in the official records of [] County, State of California.

14. **General Provisions.**

(a) **Controlling Law.** The interpretation and performance of this Conservation Easement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California, disregarding the conflicts of law principles of such state.

(b) **Liberal Construction.** Despite any general rule of construction to the contrary, this Conservation Easement shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes of this Conservation Easement and the policy and purpose of Civil Code Section 815, *et seq.* If any provision in this instrument is found to be ambiguous, an interpretation consistent with the purposes of this Conservation Easement that would render the provision valid shall be favored over any interpretation that would render it invalid.

(c) **Severability.** If a court of competent jurisdiction voids or invalidates on its face any provision of this Conservation Easement Deed, such action shall not affect the remainder of this Conservation Easement Deed. If a court of competent jurisdiction voids or invalidates the application of any provision of this Conservation Easement Deed to a person or circumstance, such action shall not affect the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances.

(d) **Entire Agreement.** This instrument sets forth the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the Conservation Easement and supersedes all prior discussions, negotiations, understandings, or agreements relating to the Conservation Easement. No alteration or variation of this instrument shall be valid or binding unless contained in an amendment in accordance with Section 13.

(e) **No Forfeiture.** Nothing contained herein will result in a forfeiture or reversion of Grantor's title in any respect.

(f) **Successors.** The covenants, terms, conditions, and restrictions of this Conservation Easement Deed shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the parties hereto and their respective personal representatives, heirs, successors, and assigns and shall constitute a servitude running in perpetuity with the Property.

(g) **Termination of Rights and Obligations.** A party's rights and obligations under this Conservation Easement terminate upon transfer of the party's interest in the Conservation Easement or Property, except that liability for acts or omissions occurring prior to transfer shall survive transfer.

(h) **Captions.** The captions in this instrument have been inserted solely for convenience of reference and are not a part of this instrument and shall have no effect upon its construction or interpretation.

(i) **No Hazardous Materials Liability.** Grantor represents and warrants that it has no knowledge or notice of any Hazardous Materials (defined below) or underground storage tanks existing, generated, treated, stored, used, released, disposed of, deposited or abandoned in, on, under, or from the Property, or transported to or from or affecting the Property. Without limiting the obligations of Grantor under Section 9.2, Grantor hereby releases and agrees to indemnify, protect and hold harmless the Indemnified Parties (defined in Section 9.2) from and against any and all Claims (defined in Section 9.2) arising from or connected with any Hazardous Materials or underground storage tanks present, alleged to be present, or otherwise associated with the Property at any time, except any Hazardous Materials placed, disposed or released by Grantee, its employees or agents. This release and indemnification includes, without limitation, Claims for (i) injury to or death of any person or physical damage to any property; and (ii) the violation or alleged violation of, or other failure to comply with, any Environmental Laws (defined below). If any action or proceeding is brought against any of the Indemnified Parties by reason of any such Claim, Grantor shall, at the election of and upon written notice from Grantee, defend such action or proceeding by counsel reasonably acceptable to the Indemnified Party or reimburse Grantee for all charges incurred for services of the Attorney General in defending the action or proceeding.

Despite any contrary provision of this Conservation Easement Deed, the parties do not intend this Conservation Easement to be, and this Conservation Easement shall not be, construed such that it creates in or gives to Grantee any of the following:

- (1) The obligations or liability of an "owner" or "operator," as those terms are defined and used in Environmental Laws (defined below), including, without limitation, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (42 U.S.C. Section 9601 *et seq.*; hereinafter, "CERCLA"); or
- (2) The obligations or liabilities of a person described in 42 U.S.C. Section 9607(a)(3) or (4); or
- (3) The obligations of a responsible person under any applicable Environmental Laws; or
- (4) The right to investigate and remediate any Hazardous Materials associated with the Property; or
- (5) Any control over Grantor's ability to investigate, remove, remediate or otherwise clean up any Hazardous Materials associated with the Property.

The term "Hazardous Materials" includes, without limitation, (a) material that is flammable, explosive or radioactive; (b) petroleum products, including by-products and fractions thereof; and (c) hazardous materials, hazardous wastes, hazardous or toxic substances, or related materials defined in CERCLA, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. Section 6901 *et seq.*; hereinafter "RCRA"); the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. Section 6901 *et seq.*; hereinafter "HTA"); the Hazardous Waste Control Law (California Health & Safety Code Section 25100 *et seq.*; hereinafter "HCL"); the Carpenter-Presley-Tanner Hazardous Substance Account Act (California Health & Safety Code Section 25300 *et seq.*; hereinafter "HSA"), and in the regulations adopted and publications promulgated pursuant to them, or any other applicable Environmental Laws now in effect or enacted after the date of this Conservation Easement Deed.

The term "Environmental Laws" includes, without limitation, CERCLA, RCRA, HTA, HCL, HSA, and any other federal, state, local or administrative agency statute, ordinance, rule, regulation, order or requirement relating to pollution, protection of human health or safety, the environment or Hazardous Materials. Grantor represents, warrants and covenants to Grantee that activities upon and use of the Property by

Grantor, its agents, employees, invitees and contractors will comply with all Environmental Laws.

(j) **Warranty.** Grantor represents and warrants that there are no outstanding mortgages, liens, encumbrances or other interests in the Property (including, without limitation, mineral interests) which have not been expressly subordinated to this Conservation Easement Deed, and that the Property is not subject to any other conservation easement.

(k) **Additional Easements.** Grantor shall not grant any additional easements, rights of way or other interests in the Property (other than a security interest that is subordinate to this Conservation Easement Deed), or grant or otherwise abandon or relinquish any water agreement relating to the Property, without first obtaining the written consent of Grantee. Grantee may withhold such consent if it determines that the proposed interest or transfer is inconsistent with the purposes of this Conservation Easement or will impair or interfere with the conservation values of the Property. This Section 14(k) shall not prohibit transfer of a fee or leasehold interest in the Property that is subject to this Conservation Easement Deed and complies with Section 11.

(l) **Recording.** Grantee shall record this Conservation Easement Deed in the Official Records of _____ County, California, and may re-record it at any time as Grantee deems necessary to preserve its rights in this Conservation Easement.

(m) **Third-Party Beneficiary.** Grantor and Grantee acknowledge that the Service is a third party beneficiary of this Conservation Easement with the right of access to the Conservation Easement property and the right to enforce all of the provisions of this Conservation Easement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF Grantor has executed this Conservation Easement Deed the day and year first above written.

GRANTOR:

Approved as to form:

BY: _____

General Counsel
State of California
Department of Fish and Game

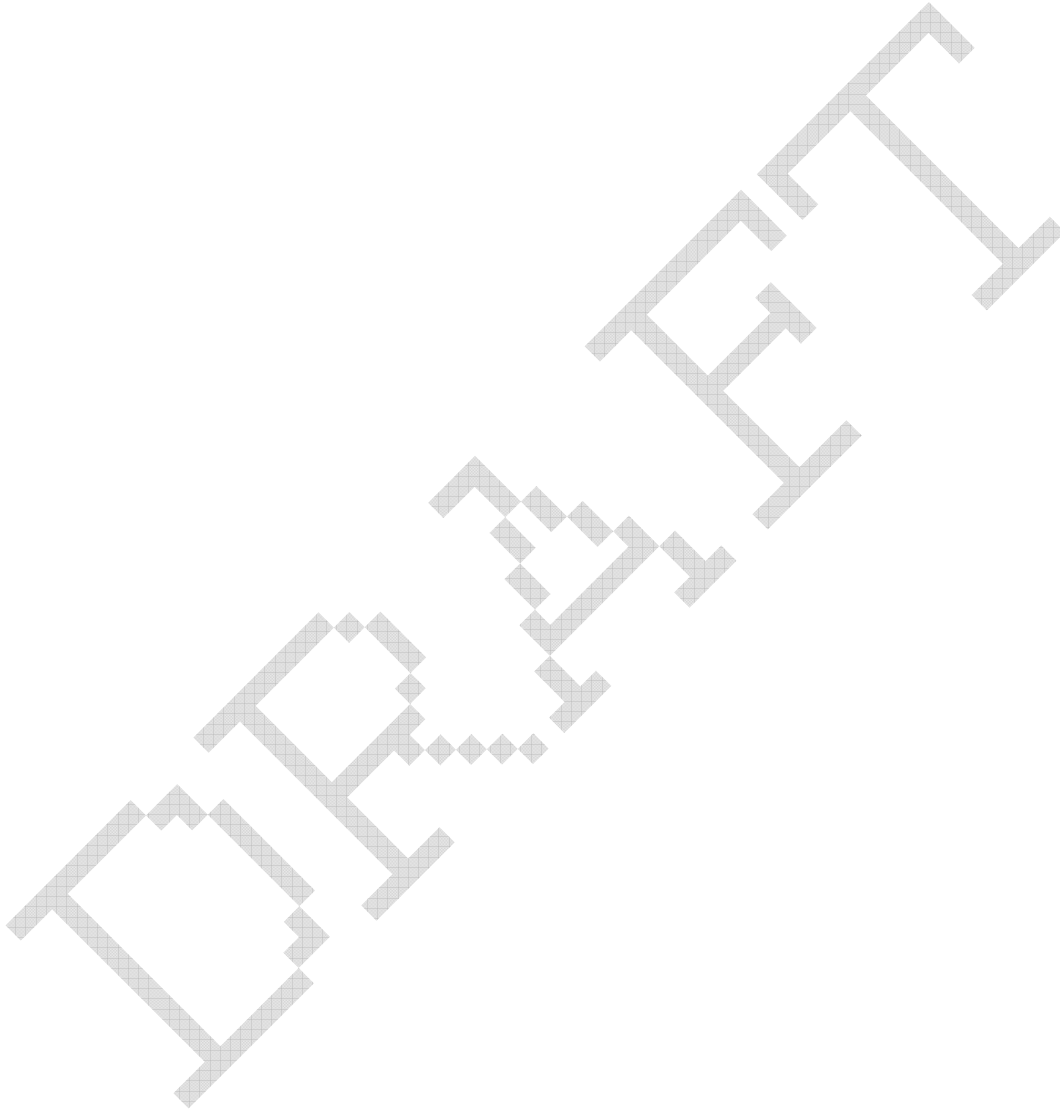
NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

BY: _____

DATE: _____

Ann S. Malcolm
Deputy General Counsel



CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE

This is to certify that the interest in real property conveyed by the Conservation Easement Deed by _____, dated _____, to the State of California, grantee, acting by and through its Department of Fish and Game (the "Department"), a governmental agency (under Government Code Section 27281), is hereby accepted by the undersigned officer on behalf of the Department, pursuant to authority conferred by resolution of the California Fish and Game Commission on _____.

GRANTEE:

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA, by and through its
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**

By: _____

Title: _____
Authorized Representative

Date: _____